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Facilitating Electronic Commerce  
Through Internet Auctions

DECISION ON PETITION TO RESTART  
TIME PERIOD

This is a decision on the Petition to restart time period filed on May 24, 2001, paper number 28.

The applicant stated that the office action of April 11, 2001 was not received. Copies of the complete office action dated April 11, 2001 and new art cited in the PTO-892 were transmitted by facsimile and received on May 10, 2001.

Since the applicant contacted the office prior to the end of the first month of the shortened statutory period for response and is requesting the period be restarted, the period will be reset.

A shortened statutory period for response to the action is set to expire 3 months from the date of the facsimile transmission, 5/10/01. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. section 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Petition to restart time period is **GRANTED**.

The applicant is required to respond within 3 months of the date of facsimile transmission, 5/10/01.

  
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